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the amendment that Senator Schrock is crafting is probably the best that we could come up with, short of him getting everything and me saying he gets nothing. There will always be things in a bill like this that some of us will disagree with. But it's the type of bill dealing with the type of issue where there cannot be unanimity; it's impossible. It's like a teetertotter. In order for one side to be up, the other side has to be down. So we try to reach some kind of equilibrium. And that doesn't mean we both get the same amount or an equal amount. We get what we can live with. And I don't want a set of circumstances, even though I will never face them myself, where people are going to be confronted with a lot of critters being brought into an area close to where they live, bringing flies, odors, noise, and the other things associated with livestock growing which make that an activity that a lot of people don't appreciate if it takes place within a certain distance of where they live. But that kind of activity is going on in the state. It's going to continue going on for a period of time. So Senator Schrock has come up with something which is not satisfactory to me, for sure, but I don't think everything else in the bill should be done away with, because some of it is essential. Senator Schimek gave me some time because I don't want this bill to move this morning. Senator Schrock is not trying to make it move this morning, because we have to get his amendment done and attached to the bill. But when that has been done, the bill will not take a lot of time as far as discussion, because we have done that work. We had to do on Select File what could not be done on General File, because I presume the amendment that he offered that led to all this discussion was not ripe for submission at that time. I don't know what the reason was. But if the heavy lifting were to be done in this Legislature on General File as it should, then any moderate work that needs to be done would take place on Select, then Final Reading would not have to represent a stage where a full-fledged debate occurs. But as time passes and circumstances change, a Legislature's proceedings and procedures will modify to accommodate those changes, so now we have three stages of debate. And sometimes there could be more discussion of a bill on Final Reading than took place on either of the two preceding stages. But I pay attention to that.